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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas ***L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District***

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COMPTON AIRPORT SELECTED TO RECEIVE \$8 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today announced that Compton/Woodley Airport in Compton has been selected to receive \$8 million in federal stimulus funding.

The money will be used to resurface 1,266,000-square-feet of the airport's ramp area and include drainage improvements and new pavement markings in the airport's reconstructed areas.

According to the County's Department of Public Works (DPW), the \$8 million allocation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is expected to create approximately 222 new construction and service jobs. DPW provides its contractors and subcontractors with incentives to hire applicants from within the local community.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has introduced motions requiring the County to streamline the public procurement process for development of projects to ensure that the use of federal economic stimulus funds immediately be used to create jobs, adult job training programs and other similar public benefits for at-risk youth.

"The global financial crisis has tremendously affected residents of the County," the Supervisor said. "As the County intends to participate fully in federal and

state stimulus programs to create well-paying jobs and public infrastructure of long-term value, it is imperative to direct crucial stimulus funds to qualified projects to use as quickly and cost effectively as possible to receive their desired results.”

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas called the airport, which accommodates more than 52,000 takeoffs and landings per year, an integral part of the County’s transportation system that provides general aviation services for the region.

To obtain more information on the process to bid for DPW contracts or employment opportunities, please call DPW at (626) 458-3926 or logon to: <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>.

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